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# *Camp Branch Creek Watershed Site 8, Alabama*

## Introduction

This project is located in the Wiregrass area of Alabama, one of the primary agricultural regions of the state. Soils in this watershed are generally deep sands and surface water runoff results in massive gullies.

Camp Branch Creek Watershed Site 8, is located in Dale County, Alabama.

Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, this project is part of the Obama Administration's plans to modernize the nation's infrastructure, jump-start the economy, and create jobs. NRCS is using Recovery Act dollars to update aging flood control structures, protect and maintain water supplies, improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands. NRCS acquires easements and restores floodplains to safeguard lives and property in areas along streams and rivers that have experienced flooding.

## Project Description

- **Location:** Dale County, 2nd Congressional District
- **Federal Funding:** $175,000

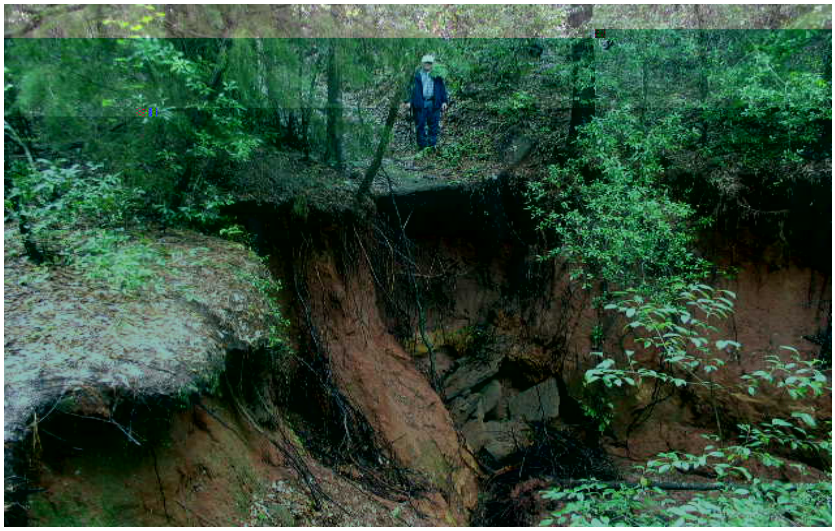
Camp Branch Creek Watershed, Site 8 is a 20 foot deep gully stabilization project located within 20 feet of a paved county road. It is one of 16 gullies that produce a combined sediment load of 17,300 tons per year entering the stream systems of Camp Branch Creek Watershed.

## Partners

- USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Dale County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Dale County Commission

## Benefits

This project will reduce sediment entering the stream systems of Camp Branch Creek Watershed, increase property values, reduce flooding, protect highway and bridge infrastructures, and improve downstream water quality. This project will benefit approximately 2,500 residents within the watershed.



Large caving gully advancing with each major rain.

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## Economic Opportunities

Funding for the Camp Branch Creek Watershed, Site 8 project will create or save jobs in construction and will generate revenue for businesses through increased sale of supplies.

## Statewide Perspective

This project encompasses a prime agriculture area of Alabama. Stabilization of the gully on Camp Branch Creek Watershed, Site 8 will improve downstream water quality, reduce flooding, and benefit fish and wildlife habitats. Investing in the long-term sustainability of the environment will protect the highway and bridge infrastructure system and improve public safety.

## For More Information

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Gully will be stabilized to stop the erosion.

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